

Paramedic Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2010

PRESENT

Chief Daryl McNutt
Rich Ellett
Chief Rick Helminski
Lt. Glenn Newman
Wayne Hartford
Dan Desmond
Jeff Nissen
Chad Premo
Kenan Mylander
Jim Fenn
Dr. Daniel Schwein

REPRESENTING

Whitehouse Fire – Policy Board Member
Maumee Fire – LS 7
Springfield Fire
Toledo Fire EMS Bureau
Toledo Fire
Toledo Fire – LS2
Oregon Fire – LS8
ProMedica
St. Vincent Mercy ED
Flower Hospital ED
St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center

STAFF

Dennis Cole
Dr. David Lindstrom
Pat Moomey
Brent Parquette
Jon Ziehr

Director – Emergency Services
Medical Director
Dispatch Supervisor
QA/QI
LCEMS

ABSENT

Rod Standiford/Shane Hilliard

Jodi Livecchi
Tracy Stanford
Keith Mooseman
Chief Charles Flack
Mark Briggs

Toledo Fire – LS 3
Toledo Fire – LS 4
Toledo Fire – LS 5
Sylvania Twp. – LS6
Whitehouse Fire – LS9
Springfield Twp. Fire – LS10
Washington Twp. Fire
Waterville Fire
Jerusalem Twp. Fire
Ottawa Hills

Call to Order

Chief McNutt called the meeting at 8:58 am.

Minute Approval

The minutes from October 18, 2010 meeting were available for review. With no corrections, Chief Helminski made a motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by Rich Ellett. Minutes were approved as written.

Training

Jon Ziehr reported last month's CE was on ECG review. October's CE also had OB and pediatrics. The 2011 schedule is out on the county web site with the dates and times but not the topics, which will be added later. An updated protocol disk will be distributed in January. There is no CE in November and December. Also the DELL issues will be addressed these months. Dr. Lindstrom mentioned he finished up meeting with the last of the new paramedics from Toledo Fire

QA

Dr. Lindstrom had nothing to report.

Old Business

Jon Ziehr reported they are trialing the S.A.L.T. (Supraglottic Airway Laryngopharyngeal Tube) device. He said they have trialed on four patients. He said using a tongue depressor, insert the SALT and once it is seated, the ET tube is blindly inserted into the patient's trachea. Jon said they had two successes and two failures. Jon also mentioned according to the literature, there is a 95% success rate. The device was pushed in early 2010.

Dr. Lindstrom reported Dr. Brookens has used it three times and had a 66% success rate. Dr. Lindstrom commented they are trying to look at the preferred approach to where it would be placed in the protocols.

Chief Helminski inquired into the issue of assistance between different entities brought up at last month's meeting had been looked into. Dennis Cole reported no, but this was an issue to be brought up at the Chief's meeting.

Rich Ellett asked if it was possible to add Ativan on the life squad citing they occasionally are asked to give this drug by UTMC.

Dr. Lindstrom reported the paramedics were given Versed nasal spray about a year now for the intent of giving to seizure patients. We started with a very low range. We are in the process of revising the dose and this way we won't need to have Ativan. Dr. Lindstrom mentioned he has not heard of any negative outcomes for using Versed this way.

Open Discussion

Lt. Newman asked if the County has resolved many of the computer's issues with the ePCRs and DELL. Dennis reported Bob Boyd, IT tech, was out last week. Dennis reported some of the issues deal with paramedics taking the batteries out and bending the connectors, which causes them not to charge.

Rich Ellett reported a person can't use the DELL touch screen when the vehicle is moving. A discussion of DELLs in comparison to Panasonics. Jon reported they have not heard of any software complaints on the new Panasonic CF19. He said it was used in Springfield and now it

is in Maumee. He reported the screen is a little smaller and the printing a little slower, but no other issues. After Maumee it is going to be trialed in Toledo's LS2.

A very lengthy discussion ensued regarding how to capture the information of issues/problems with the ePCRs and passing the information on.

The question was raised if the Policy Board approved the recommendation of the Life Paks. Dennis reported yes

Next Meeting and Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m. The next meeting will be held Monday, **December 13th** at 9:00 a.m.